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Inmate Death at FMC Devens

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, December 29, 2020, inmate Willie Smith tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts. On the same day, he was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment due to malaise, fatigue, and hypoxia. On Saturday, January 9, 2021, Mr. Smith, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Smith was a 73-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Columbia to a Life sentence for Burglary, Armed Robbery, Armed Assault, Assault with A Deadly Weapon, and Possession of a Prohibited Weapon. He had been in custody at FMC Devens since September 23, 2020.

FMC Devens is an administrative security facility that currently houses 742 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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